

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/GB 03/04264

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER					
IPC 7	B65D5/42	B65D5/52	B65D73/00	B65D75/30	B65D75/54

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
IPC 7 B65D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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